

**PATENT**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of: )  
**Bartell, et al.** ) Confirmation No.: 9975  
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Serial No.: 10/790,158 ) Art Unit: 2616  
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Filed: March 1, 2004 ) Examiner: Patel, Ajit  
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ) Docket No.: 710101.1250  
PROTECTING COMMUNICATION )  
BETWEEN A CENTRAL OFFICE AND )  
A REMOTE PREMISES )

**FIRST RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In regard to the outstanding non-final Office Action of February 6, 2008, Applicants submit the following First Response with amendments and remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Thomas, Kayden, Horstemeyer, & Risley, L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 20-0778.